

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 - 33 (Canceled).

34. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

an image forming apparatus; and

a scanner ~~which is~~ removably mounted on said image forming apparatus, said scanner including and includes a reading element, a motor, and a roller driven by said motor,

5            wherein said motor drives said roller to transport a sheet with said scanner mounted on said image forming apparatus, and said scanner moves via said roller driven by said motor and said scanner reads an original guided by said roller driven by said motor with said scanner detached from said image forming apparatus; and a first sheet transporting path is formed substantially vertically to guide a sheet downward on said first sheet transporting path, and said  
10        reading element reads said sheet with said scanner mounted on said image forming apparatus; and said image forming apparatus includes a second sheet transporting path extending substantially vertically to guide a sheet downward on said second sheet transporting path; and said image forming apparatus performs an image forming process for a sheet traveling along said second sheet transporting path; and said first sheet transporting path and said second sheet  
15        transporting path are arranged adjacent each other.

35. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 34,

wherein a surface of said scanner on which said reading element is provided faces

toward said image forming apparatus in a case where said scanner is mounted on said image forming apparatus so that one of said sheet transporting paths is made between a surface of said image forming apparatus and said surface of said scanner.

36. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said image forming apparatus is a printer.

37. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 34, wherein the moving direction of a first sheet that moves on said first sheet transporting path moves in same direction as the moving direction of a second sheet that moves on said second sheet transporting path.

38. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 34, further comprising a projecting member is provided on said surface of said scanner for protecting said roller in a case where said scanner runs independent of said image forming apparatus.

39. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:  
an image forming apparatus; and  
a scanner which is removably mounted on said image forming apparatus and includes a reading element, a motor and a roller driven by said motor,  
wherein said motor actuates said roller to transport a sheet with said scanner mounted on said image forming apparatus, and said scanner reads an original guided by said roller driven

by said motor with said scanner detached from said image forming apparatus, said scanner moving via said roller driven by said motor when said scanner is detached from said image forming apparatus;

10 wherein a surface of said scanner on which said reading element is provided faces toward said image forming apparatus with said scanner mounted on said image forming apparatus to define a sheet transporting path between a surface of said image forming apparatus and said surface of said scanner.

40. (Canceled).

41. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said image forming apparatus is a printer.

42 - 44. (Canceled).

45. (Previously Presented) A scanner according to claim 39, wherein a projecting member is provided on said surface of said scanner for protecting said roller in a case where said scanner runs by itself.

46. (Currently Amended) A scanner which is capable of being removably mounted on an image forming apparatus, [[said]] the scanner comprising:

a reading element;

a motor; and

5 a roller driven by said motor,

wherein said motor actuates said roller to transport a sheet with said scanner mounted on said image forming apparatus, and said scanner reads an original guided by said roller independently driven by said motor with said scanner detached from said image forming apparatus, said motor actuating said roller such that said scanner moves via said roller when  
10 said scanner is detached from said image forming apparatus; and wherein a surface of said scanner on which said reading element is provided faces toward said image forming apparatus with said scanner mounted on said image forming apparatus to define a sheet transporting path between a surface of said image forming apparatus and said surface of said scanner.

47. (Canceled).

48. (Previously Presented) A scanner according to claim 46,

wherein said scanner can be attached to and detached from said image forming apparatus, said image forming apparatus being a printer.

49. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

an image forming apparatus including a sheet accommodating part accommodating a plurality of sheets; and

a scanner apparatus including a reading element and a roller and a motor, said scanner  
5 apparatus being removably mounted on said image forming apparatus;

a sheet being delivered from said sheet accommodating part by said roller with said  
scanner mounted on said image forming apparatus, and being read by said reading element while  
said roller is rotated in contact with a surface of said sheet which is read by said reading element  
with said scanner detached from said image forming apparatus, wherein [[a]] said motor  
10 actuates said roller to transport a sheet with said scanner mounted on said image forming  
apparatus, and said scanner reads an original guided by said roller driven by said motor with  
said scanner detached from said image forming apparatus, said motor actuating said roller such  
that said scanner is driven via said roller when said scanner is detached from said image forming  
apparatus.

50. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 49,

wherein said roller of said scanner apparatus and a sheet reading surface of said reading  
element are provided at a same side of said scanner apparatus, and a surface of said scanner  
apparatus on which said roller and said sheet reading surface of said reading element are  
5 provided constitutes a part of a sheet guide guiding said sheet delivered from said sheet  
accommodating part in a case where said scanner is mounted on said image forming apparatus.

51. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 49, wherein said roller of  
said scanner apparatus is a pick roller, and said apparatus has a sheet separating member faced

to said pick roller of said scanner apparatus in a case where said scanner apparatus is mounted on said image forming apparatus.

52. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a unit including a motor, a roller driven by said motor and a reading unit performing processing for a sheet; and

an image forming apparatus, said unit being removably mounted to said image forming apparatus ~~on which said unit is removably mounted~~, wherein said motor actuates said roller and transports said sheet with said unit mounted on said image forming apparatus, said unit reading said sheet, and said motor actuates said roller such that said unit ~~[[runs]]~~ moves autonomously ~~to travel~~ on an original ~~[[with]]~~ via said roller driven by said motor when said unit is detached from said image forming apparatus, whereby said unit ~~reading~~ read said original.

53. (Canceled).

54. (Currently Amended) A first unit which is capable of being removably mounted on a second unit, said first unit comprising:

a processing unit performing processing for a sheet;

a motor; and

a roller, wherein said motor actuates said roller and transports said sheet with said first unit mounted on said second unit, said processing unit reading said sheet, and said motor

actuates said roller such that said first unit ~~autonomously~~ automatically travels on an original via said roller driven by said motor when ~~[[with]]~~ said first unit is detached from said second unit, said processing unit processing said original.

55. (Canceled).

56. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a base unit including a sheet accommodating part accommodating a plurality of sheets;

and

a scanner apparatus including a reading element, a motor and a roller, said scanner apparatus being removably mounted on said base unit, wherein ~~[[a]]~~ said motor actuates said roller to transport a sheet with said scanner mounted on said base unit, and said scanner moves via said roller driven by said motor and said scanner reads an original guided by said roller driven by said motor with said scanner detached from said base unit; and said sheet is delivered from said sheet accommodating part by said roller with said scanner mounted on said base unit.

57. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 56, wherein said sheet accommodating part accommodates said plurality of sheets in a substantially vertical direction.

58. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 56, wherein a surface of said scanner on which said reading element is provided faces to said base in a case where said

scanner is mounted on said base so that a sheet transporting path is made between a surface of said image forming apparatus and said surface of said scanner.

59. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 56, wherein a first sheet transporting path is formed substantially vertically to allow said reading element to read said sheet in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base, said base includes a second sheet transporting path extending substantially vertically, said base performs a processing for a sheet traveling along said second sheet transporting path, and said first sheet transporting path being arranged along said second sheet transporting path.

60. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 56, wherein said scanner has a motor and said motor actuates said roller and thereby transports a sheet in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base unit, so that said reading element reads said sheet, and said motor actuates said roller.

61. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 56, wherein a projecting member is provided on said surface of said scanner for protecting said roller in a case where said scanner runs by itself.

62. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 56, wherein said roller of said scanner apparatus and a sheet reading surface of said reading element are provided at a



same side of said scanner apparatus, and a surface of said scanner apparatus on which said roller and said sheet reading surface of said reading element are provided constitutes a part of a sheet guide guiding said sheet delivered from said sheet accommodating part in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base unit.

63. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 56, wherein said roller of said scanner apparatus is a pick roller, and said apparatus has a sheet separating member faced to said pick roller of said scanner apparatus in a case where said scanner apparatus is mounted on said base unit.

64. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 56, wherein said base unit is an image forming apparatus.

65. (Currently Amended) A scanner apparatus comprising:

a base unit including a sheet accommodating part, said sheet accommodating part holding a plurality of sheets in a substantially vertical direction;

a scanner;

a reading element; and

a roller, wherein ~~[[a]]~~ said scanner is removably mounted on ~~[[a]]~~ said base unit ~~including a sheet accommodating part accommodating a plurality of sheets in a substantially vertical direction,~~ said reading element reading a sheet delivered from said sheet

10 accommodating part driven by said roller with said scanner mounted on said base unit, said scanner moving via said roller and reading said sheet while said roller ~~autonomously~~ automatically travels with said scanner on an original [[with]] when said scanner is detached from said base unit.

66. (Canceled).

67. (Previously Presented) A scanner according to claim 65, wherein a surface of said scanner on which said reading element is provided faces to said base in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base so that a sheet transporting path is made between a surface of said image forming apparatus and said surface of said scanner.

5 68. (Previously Presented) A scanner according to claim 65, wherein a first sheet transporting path is formed substantially vertically to allow said reading element to read said sheet in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base, said base includes a second sheet transporting path extending substantially vertically, said base performs a processing for a sheet traveling along said second sheet transporting path, and said first sheet transporting path being arranged along said second sheet transporting path.

69. (Previously Presented) A scanner according to claim 65, wherein said scanner has a motor and said motor actuates said roller and thereby transport a sheet in a case where said

scanner is mounted on said base unit, so that said reading element reads said sheet, and said motor actuates said roller.

70. (Previously Presented) A scanner apparatus according to claim 65, wherein a projecting member is provided on said surface of said scanner for protecting said roller in a case where said scanner runs by itself.

71. (Previously Presented) A scanner apparatus according to claim 65, wherein said roller of said scanner apparatus and a sheet reading surface of said reading element are provided at a same side of said scanner apparatus, and a surface of said scanner apparatus on which said roller and said sheet reading surface of said reading element are provided constitutes a part of a sheet guide guiding said sheet delivered from said sheet accommodating part in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base unit.

72. (Previously Presented) A scanner according to claim 65, wherein said roller of said scanner apparatus is a pick roller, and said apparatus has a sheet separating member faced to said pick roller of said scanner apparatus in a case where said scanner apparatus is mounted on said base unit.

73. (Previously Presented) A scanner according to claim 65, wherein said base unit is an image forming apparatus.